

A THANK YOU NOTE FROM THE CONNOLLYS

Our family would like to put in a brief thank you to all in the association who came to our support during the tragic death of our son, Adam.

Without the tremendous support and time that you all spent with us over the last five months, it simply would have taken the events of 5/26/99 and made them even more catastrophic than they already were.

Words cannot express the gratitude and thanks that we feel towards all of your thoughtfulness.

Love,

Joe, Jeri, and Jessica Connolly

**CARTHAY
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**NEWSLETTER
FALL 1999**



Y2K: ARE ALL YOUR “DUCKS IN A ROW”?

by Marilouise Morgan

Even if you do not have a computer, you may be impacted by the old Y2K bug. Computers and software systems are everywhere in modern life. They arise in the transportation, banking, communication, utility, and a host of other systems. WHILE MOST OF US FEEL ANY GLITCHES FROM THE MILLENNIUM BUG WILL BE HANDLED WITH DISPATCH, it is always wise to be prepared for the unexpected. The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services recommends you give some attention to the following:

 If you are opening a new checking account or transferring funds from one account to another, do it in December. Be sure to leave your existing account open through January 2000 to pick up any direct deposits, which cannot be shifted to the new account within a month.

 Notify any organizations from which you receive money in December if you are changing your address in January 2000.

 Pay bills due in January well before December 31 and maintain receipts.

 Schedule appointments and treatments for ongoing medical conditions so that reports are available prior to December 31.

 Replenish prescription and non-prescription medications before the end of December 1999.

 If you have medical devices that incorporate computer chips, obtain assurance from the manufacturers that such devices will operate correctly and safely.

 Withdraw an adequate amount of cash to cover immediate purchases.

 Make certain your car has at least a half tank of gas on December 31.

OUR NEWSLETTER NEEDS HELP!

As we put the finishing touches on the fall newsletter we find ourselves wanting to include as much news about our residents as we can. However, we never seem to allow enough time to find out “news” about you.

This is the reason why I'm writing to you today. If you have anything that you would like to try to include in our newsletters, we would like to hear from you. The news can be anything that pertains to the neighborhood, your street, a birth announcement, how you felt about the block party, a suggestion,

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NEWS FROM CARTHAY CENTER

by Charlie Cohen

As you may have heard, things did not work out with the principal who was hired last year at Carthay Center School and we are currently in the midst of searching for a new one. Hopefully, we will have

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STRENGTH

By Joe Connolly

I never had a chance to say good-by
Of all the things that make me cry
It is this that fills my eyes
I would pray for one more chance
For you to come out and do a baseball dance

I hurt too much for words to say
You left me now until my final day
However, I still had time left to play
There could never be a reason why
you were taken
I often think someone was sadly mistaken

Almost nothing will ever stop my pain
Your tragic death hit me like a freight train
But they say that life must go on
I must lead, I hate that crown
I must keep my head up, I must travel
this town

I'm not sure that a hole this big can be filled
I'm hoping that someday it will
For nothing will ever be the same again
No matter what I do or where I go
I feel you there, I feel you know

I can't make steel from marshmallows
And I can't continue to wallow
But I can get strength from weakness
And then the sun came out and shined
I saw you there, you will always be mine

Life now is so alone and quiet
I long for the days when it seemed like a riot
They say kids are what define us
They move us along
And they inspire us

For now there is a massive pause
It makes me think because
Tomorrow will bring better times
Your love for me
Will make me smart

At first I felt that this would destroy me
Now I must take it and let it be
For you will never be gone
You simply left early to get a seat
Ahead of me until we meet

Life has moved on and I must too
In spite of all the great things you did do
This is why there's memories
I had you then
You have me now

My final thought for you will never end
Your death created a special task
I now must never wear a mask
You will push me to greatness
No one will ever break us

You will never be forgotten
You will always be my universe
You are my strength
Nothing will ever split us



BLOCK PARTY '99

The overall view of this year's party was "GREAT". It was very successful. We never form our opinion based on dollars but by the "feel" of the event. This year's event was better prepared, laid out better, and simply "felt" better than last year's event. Approximately 500 people attended and the street "looked" better than last year. Many changes were made directly from the committee's comments of the year before and those suggestions worked and improved the event. Oddly enough, when many of us got together last year to talk about the block party, we dwelt on how disappointed we were and how we would make this year better; yet with a lot less people involved in planning and with much more focus on getting volunteers ready the week before, we actually had a much better event with a lot more participation. And in the process we found many other residents who are willing to help us with future events. We had at least five other neighborhood associations attend our block party and they were very impressed (L.A. City Councilman Feuer attended). This year's block party was essentially planned by only three residents: Thank you to MICHAEL SIMS, ROBIN JAMESON, AND JOE CONNOLLY and the many volunteers who helped to set up and take down the booths. To join next year's planning committee for our 4th Annual Neighborhood Picnic to be held on September 10th, 2000, call JOE at 323.934.4767.



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a complaint or maybe you have a question. We will take all comments under consideration and depending on how much room we have we will try to print as many as we can. We will edit submissions and answer any questions asked. Simply jot down whatever your thoughts are and mail them to Joe Connolly at 1143 S. Hayworth Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90035 or fax them to me at 323.964.9667.

Another area that we need your assistance in is with advertising. We normally advertise ten business card size ads on an insert within our newsletter at a cost of only \$25.00 for each business card. Most of the cards highlight local businesses or residents' businesses; any business card is 0.K. If you want to have us use your business card or you want to assist us in getting business cards and collecting the \$25.00 or if you simply want us to publish a message, please contact Joe Connolly 323.934.4767 and I will get that information to the editor. Payment is expected with accompanying business card. We only have room for 20 business cards; should we get more than 20 we will print those in the next newsletter. Thank you for your time on this matter and I look forward to hearing from all interested parties.

Continued from page 1: Carthay Center someone in place by the end of the year. In the meantime, however, that position is being filled by the more-than-capable ORPHEUS JONES. Mr. Jones, the retired principal who helped us out in the same situation last year, has worked hard to keep us on track, moving forward with all the improvements that you've read about in previous newsletters. To find proof of this you need look no further than the Carthay Center school-yard. Those big blue bins with gates around them contain new ultra-quiet air-conditioning units which will be installed in every classroom and the auditorium in

coming months. Concurrently, the entire school is going to be repainted, inside and out, including the bungalows. Following this will be an electrical and Internet upgrade, bringing the wiring of the school up to 90's standards. After that the entire play yard will be resurfaced and restructured, including, we hope, two full-sized basketball courts, a mini-soccer field in the big yard, and the installation of new state-of-the-art play equipment in the kindergarten yard. Keep your eyes on Carthay Center School while we transform ourselves into the showcase of the neighborhood. And if you have school-aged kids, please come in and visit the classrooms. As always, that's where the most amazing transformations are happening.

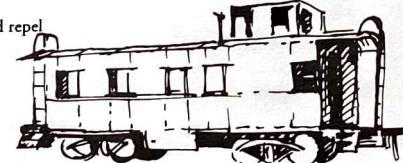
LET THERE BE LIGHT

by Sol Jamerson

This correspondent was pleasantly surprised and pleased to see a large number of our residents have apparently gotten the message. The police have constantly informed us that lighted areas repel most criminal activity: "WHERE THERE IS LIGHT, CRIME TAKES FLIGHT!"

I had an occasion to walk from Hi-Point to Alfred (and back, by a separate route) at 5:30 a.m. one recent morning. The number of exterior lights burning on homes gave a warm glow to my old ticker. There were still a few spots where 4 or 5 homes in succession were without exterior lights. I could only hope there were motion sensors on some of those homes.

Help to make our neighborhood repel crime with light. THERE IS STILL ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT.



CRIME WATCH

by Solomon Jamerson
CSNA Correspondent

On August 18, 1999, several divisions of LAPD, constituting the West Bureau, held a Town Hall Meeting of residents of the various divisional areas. The meeting was held in the First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood, located near Franklin and Highland.

The purpose of the meeting was to impart information of current crime trends within the West Bureau. Additionally, each Division Captain was able to explain how a Community Police Problem Solving (CPPS) project was carried out, within his Divisional Area. These individual projects are identified, often through community input, assigned priorities, plan of attack implemented and results evaluated. LAPD points out that this form of solving problems has led to a downward trend in crime within the city.

Residents attending the Town Hall Meeting were provided an opportunity to address a panel with particular items that concerned them and their neighborhoods. The panel consisted of Chief Bernard C. Parks, Deputy Chiefs Maurice Moore and C.F. Dinse; Commander Alan Kierstein, Police Commission President Joseph Gun, and City Councilman Michael Feuer.

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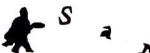
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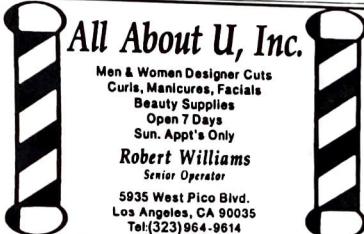
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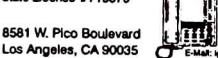
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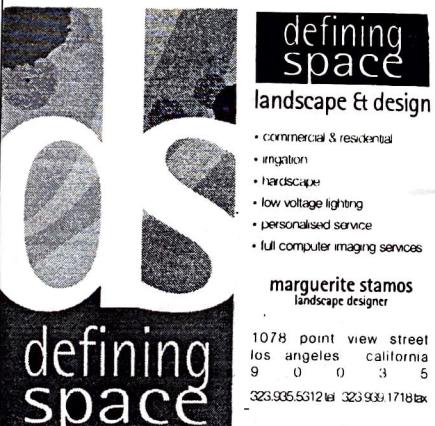


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TRIM THAT TREE???

By David Schulman

When we moved here two years ago, the liquid amber on Point View were turning colors. "It's like New England!" a friend said. This summer, it was more like Dodge City. At least seven parkway trees lost limbs on just the 1100 block alone. One caused \$1500 damage to a sport utility vehicle unlucky enough to be parked beneath it.

When three limbs fell from our tree, I called the city. The good news is they picked them up the next day. The bad news and what we can do about it follows. The number to report fallen limbs is 800.996.2489. That's the Bureau of Street Services. It's a handy number to have, because it's the one to call to have potholes repaired, or bulky items picked up, to name just a few of the many services available. But don't follow the voicemail menu and leave a message. The four times I did I never once got a call back. Instead, pretend you have a rotary phone and just hold on until an operator comes on. My fallen limbs were picked up the next day. But when she tells you your tree will also be trimmed within thirty days, don't believe her, because it won't.

What I eventually learned from a very responsive supervisor, Mr. Craig Roberts, is that there are only 5-6 city workers to trim trees from here to San Pedro, and from Western to the



The Women's Center – It's Gone

HARD AS NAILS

Our neighbors, DOMINGO AND JULIE SERQUINIA, have just started up a new business at 319 1/2 Robertson Blvd. north of Olympic. It's called the "Paint Shop...it's a nail spa". The decoration is very cool but relaxed and includes specially designed armchairs where customers are given the royal treatment while they relax in comfort. For appointments call 310.652.5563. Good luck, friends, on your new venture.

APOLOGY

The article entitled "Carthay Center Elementary" which appeared in the last issue of the Carthay Square Newsletter, was mistakenly credited to CHARLIE COHEN. The byline should have read "Derived from an article by DEBORAH SCOTT STUDEBAKER, originally run in the South Carthay News." We apologize to Ms. Studebaker and the South Carthay News for this error.

Also apologies for misspelled SARA JANE ROSE, mentioned incorrectly as Mary Jane Rose.

FALL IS HERE!

TIME TO GIVE SPECIAL ATTENTION TO OUR LAWNS.

An Interview with MARGUERITE STAMOS*

STAMOS: This is the time of year when the weather has begun to cool and our lawns require some special treatment.

Q: Is it the same for all types of grass?

STAMOS: No. If you have the original Kikuyu/Bermuda lawn that is the heavily thatched, "summer only" kind of lawn, early October is the time to cut it low to assure a lesser growth of thatch for the next summer season. Then rye seed is sown and the lawn is covered in steer manure to enrich the soil and hold down the seeds. Because the smell of steer manure is not too appealing, topsoil is often used instead. Topsoil costs a bit more, but there is no odor.

Q: Now that it is seeded, what is the watering routine?

STAMOS: You should water daily for about 15 minutes the first week during which time the seeds will germinate. Cut back to daily 10 minute watering for week two. Beginning with the third week, water only three times a week for 15 minutes each time. You should enjoy a winter season of beautiful light green lawn.

Q: What about our lucky neighbors who have a fescue lawn (commonly called marathon)?

STAMOS: Some people think marathon lawns are completely self-sufficient lawns, but these require attention too. Seeding is not necessary but regular fertilizing is. Buy an inexpensive fertilizer spreader at a garden shop and walk in an even pattern from side to side over your lawn. Water immediately with the hose. This is an important step as the hose watering is necessary to work in the fertilizer. After that the watering routine is essentially the same as for the Bermuda lawn: 15 minutes daily for the first week, 10 minutes daily for the next week, and then 15 minutes three times a week.

Q: Is there any special fertilizer you

would recommend?

STAMOS: This is not a commercial, but I prefer Bandini Super Blade. DO NOT confuse this with Bandini Super Green.

STAMOS: In my experience, Super Green has proven to be too strong and, if not applied with tremendous care, will burn and kill the lawn.

Q: You have placed a great deal of emphasis on careful watering. Is there a common mistake?

STAMOS: You bring up a very important subject - overwatering. I see this error made by many, many people. The important principle here is to allow grass roots access to oxygen, which they need as well as irrigation to assure healthy growth. They should not be soaked and drowned. Did you ever wonder why our neighborhood is not emerald green, considering the regularity with which all the sprinklers go off each morning? Overwatering depletes the nutrients in the soil and damages the root system. I say let the roots breathe! And save on your water bill too.

Q: We sometimes see brown areas in lawns. What do you see as the cause?

Stamos: These may be due to lawn pests, such as cinch bugs, white grubs, etc., in some places, but more often it is caused by a malfunctioning sprinkler system. The sprinkler heads may not be providing sufficient coverage. I suggest that the resident and his or her gardener check to see if the spraying pattern provides the proper overlap and sufficient water in all areas.

***MARGUERITE STAMOS** is the owner of Defining Space, a full service interior and exterior design company and a resident of Carthay Square.

ELECTRONIC BLOCK PARTY

By Judy F. Kugel
from the New York Times

It was bound to happen. Everything else is on line. So why not the neighborhood? More than an extension of the block party, it's become a way of life. You've heard of AOL? We're NOL.

It started when a new arrival to the neighborhood decided to introduce herself not just to her immediate neighbors, but to everyone. She had held public office in another state, so knocking on doors came naturally. When she finished her visits, we had a count of the houses in our enclave (75) and a spreadsheet with everyone's name, street address and E-mail address.

She distributed the list at a neighborhood meeting about repaving our streets. Shortly thereafter, the first neighborhood-wide E-mail appeared in our in-boxes. We were networked.

It has been a huge bonus in our busy lives to be able to tackle issues with the tap of a "send" or "reply" button. We've gotten messages about everything from bats — a frantic neighbor killed a bat in her house with a broomstick, then sought advice about what she should have done — to advice on choosing a car mechanic.

Some neighbors have successfully advertised apartments for rent. We used E-mail to raise money for a couple of decorative trees for our newly repaved streets. Then we sent some on-line reminders when people "forgot" their contributions.

There were some lively exchanges about whether we should all replace the water pipes leading to our homes as the street was torn up. Would it increase property values? Who had found a good person to do it? What if we all got together and negotiated

The Poet's Corner

On Watching My Neighbor's Cat

Tiger, tiger, burning bright*
In the forest of the night
Did the same immortal hand and eye
That framed your fearful symmetry
Also frame common cat?

You can see his feral forebears
In his softly padded paws
Which conceal his tigral weaponry
Of sharp and deadly claws

His tail as taut as a climber's rope
A tingling twitch at its quivering tip
The ardor of his steady gaze
Shoulders hunched - as he stealthily stalks
His unsuspecting prey.

Should I clap my hands to alert the birds
Or let nature have its way
Whether or not I think it just
Let prowling cat do what it must.

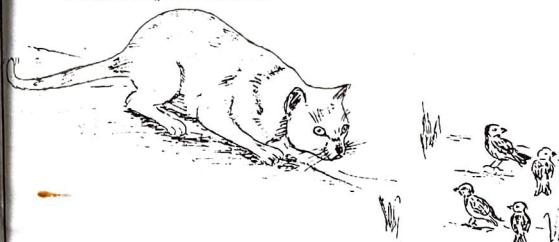
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that lead them to
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Audrey Hargreaves

by Norma Glickman, July 1997

*With due acknowledgement to William Blake



with one contractor to get a better price for everyone?

I've discovered that some neighborhoods have special-interest networks. I know a member of a "doggie" group that alerts members via E-mail about subjects like the

first flea of the season and when a local Airedale is in heat.

There are a few drawbacks to all this neighborly interaction. For one, we all get too much E-mail already. One or two people have asked to be removed from our

list. And when people move into or out of the neighborhood, it takes time to add and subtract names in our electronic address books. Also, there are a few households that aren't wired. But we know which ones they are, and we remember to use the telephone when necessary.

Some people claim that it's isolating to communicate using a computer. Most of our neighbors would disagree. We've shared much more on line than we do in our once-a-year block party. We're a community in a whole new sense — one that solves problems and shares news, both good and not so good.

We proudly have given our E-mail list a great group name, but I won't reveal it. We already get too much E-mail.

Ed note: Submittals or communication with the newsletter may be made to me at plmer-lin@aol.com

A-WAY WITH WHITEFLY

By Phyllis Title

For years I've done battle with this pernicious pest, spraying every other day with Malathion, alternated with Orthene. I tried switching to organic sprays. Finally, I dug up my infested tomatoes and lantanas. Now there seems to be a solution: Ordinary dish-washing detergent and water.

I used Palmolive, because it's green. Then switched to Joy, also green. But any of them will work. My husband pours it into his sprayer attachment, sets the dial to 10 and turns on the hose. For the front porch, I pour about 3/4 of an inch into a spray bottle, fill it with water and spray away. These proportions work for us, but it may be possible to use less detergent.

This method is not only safe for children, pets and the person spraying, it's effective. My whitefly population has diminished considerably and the garden smells a lot better.

PLUGGED IN

IMPORTANT DATE:

WEDNESDAY 17 NOVEMBER

7 -9 pm, CSNA General Meeting at Carthay Center School Auditorium.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Point View:

MICHAEL & SUSAN OPTON

parents of **MILES ALEXANDER**

b. August 5, 1999; wt.7 lbs; 19 1/2"

On Stearns:

COLLEEN & ROBERT LUSETICH

parents of **DYLAN CHARLES ATTINO**

b. March 5, 1999; wt. 8 lbs; 22".

Big brother, **RILEY DANIEL**

On Hayworth:

SARA JANE ROSE & JAY SHANKER,

parents of **RACHEL ANN ROSE**

b. September 3, 1999; wt. 8 lbs-12 oz; 19"

Big sister, **JORJA LAUREN**

WE NEED YOUR DUES!!!

If you haven't yet, please pay your *Carthay Square Neighborhood Association* dues, particularly if you have told one of the volunteer block captains that you intend to do so. This is only out of respect for their time and so they don't have to keep knocking at your door. It's a small way of showing your support.

LOST AND FOUND

At the block party: a child's navy blue sweat shirt with a teddy bear in front and the letters B-E-A-R; a Timex watch with a dark green Velcro band; a plastic basin color blue. To claim any of these items contact ROBIN JAMESON at 931.2774.

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Hayworth:

1000 - Michael Sims

1100 - Joe Connolly

1200 - Charlotte Williams

EXECUTIVE BOARD:**

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All Committee Chairs

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Other Community Leaders

Past Officers and Block Captains

**approx. 36 on exec. board

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1100 - Judith Meuli

1200 - Bill Aron

Point View:

1000 - Robin Jameson

1100 - Mingo Serquinia

1200 - Pearl Greenberg

Stearns:

1000 - Robin Jameson (*Temp*)

1100 - Joseph Cruz

1200 - Joe Connolly (*Temp*)

CARTHAY SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION ***FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

July 1997-June 1998:	Beginning balance.....	\$3,226
	Receipts.....	+1,250
	Expenses**.....	-2,460
	Ending Balance.....	\$2,016

**Expenses consisted of citizen patrol @ \$320, fliers @ \$79, Tim Johnson trees @ \$90, holiday party @ \$690, newsletter @ \$30, bank fees @ \$88 and block party @ \$1163.

July 1998-June 1999:	Beginning balance.....	\$2,016
	Receipts.....	+6,543
	Expenses**.....	-5,873
	Ending Balance.....	\$2,686

**Expenses consisted of citizen patrol @ \$530, meetings food/drinks @ \$192, block party \$2364, fliers @ \$817, newsletter @ \$688, holiday party @ \$1032 and LAPD Memorial Fund @ \$250.

July 1999-June 2000 (projected):	Beginning balance.....	\$2,686
	Receipts.....	+7,320
	Expenses**.....	-4,618
	Ending Balance.....	\$5,388

**Expenses consisted of citizen patrol @ \$476, fliers @ \$760, meetings food & drinks @ \$100, newsletter @ \$582, block party @ \$1100, misc. expenses @ \$400 and holiday party @ \$1200. (Please note that the fiscal year is only five months old; however, based on previous experience the figures above are fairly accurate.)

***The financial statements have always been read at one of the semi-annual general meetings in keeping with the by-laws of CSNA. Any questions please call Joe Connolly 323.934.4767.